

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE-FOCUS IN A LINEAR ARRAY BASED SLIDE SCANNER

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application Serial No. _____ or PCT International Application No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Number(s)	Filing Date
60/463,909	April 17, 2003

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of any claim of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**POWER OF ATTORNEY
By Assignee**

Aperio Technologies, Inc., assignee(s) of the application for United States Letters Patent for:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE-FOCUS IN A LINEAR ARRAY BASED SLIDE SCANNER

the specification of which:

☒ is filed herewith, OR
☐ was filed on _____ having U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____.

hereby appoints as my (our) attorneys and/or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in countries other than the United States, and to do all things necessary or appropriate therefor before any competent International Authorities in connection with any international patent application(s) corresponding to the above-identified invention application, **Patric J. Rawlins, Reg. No. 47,887** and each of the registered attorneys at:


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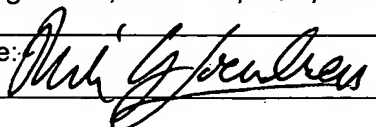
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I, the undersigned, declare that I have reviewed copies of the documentary evidence establishing chain of title to the patent application identified above from the inventor(s) to the assignee(s), which:

☒ is filed for recordation herewith, or
☐ was recorded at Reel _____, Frame _____; or
☐ has been sent for recordation under separate cover, copy attached herewith.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee(s) identified above. Furthermore, the undersigned is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignee(s).

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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